

REMARKS

With this Amendment, Claims 19-24 are being currently amended. No Claims are being added or canceled. Claims 1-18 and 25 have been previously canceled. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, Claims 19-24 and 26-27 remain pending and under consideration. The amendments and various rejections of the claims will be addressed in detail, below.

As an initial matter, Applicants thank the Examiner's indication that Claims 19 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 36 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 19-24, 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Applicants have amended Claims 19-24 as indicated in the Listing of the Claims. In particular, Claim 19 has been amended to replace "said process chamber" with "one of said process chambers." Similar changes are also made in Claims 20-24. The phrase "a semiconductor wafer process chamber" is deleted from Claim 1 to recite the invention with greater clarity. The phrase "said semiconductor wafer chamber" in Claim 22 is replaced with "one of said process chambers" to be consistent with Claim 19 and the rest of the Claims. Typos in the claims have also be corrected.

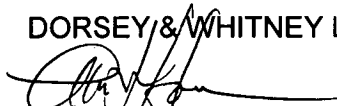
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 19-24, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any matters can be handled by telephone, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone Applicants' attorney at the number below. No fees beyond those being submitted concurrently herewith are believed due. However, the commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Dorsey & Whitney LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-67736-1/MSS (463035-19)).

Respectfully submitted,

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